

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of CONSUMERS)	
ENERGY COMPANY for authority to increase its)	
rates for the generation and distribution of)	Case No. U-17990
electricity and for other relief.)	
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At the March 28, 2017 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Sally A. Talberg, Chairman
Hon. Norman J. Saari, Commissioner
Hon. Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR REHEARING

On February 28, 2017, the Commission authorized Consumers Energy Company (Consumers) to increase its retail electric rates in the annual amount of \$113,277,000, on a jurisdictional basis, and granted other relief.

On March 3, 2017, Consumers filed a petition for rehearing regarding certain alleged unintended consequences that Consumers contended could result due to the Commission's imposition of a benefit/cost retirement analysis requirement set forth in Ordering Paragraph E of the February 28 order¹ as a prerequisite to its filing of another electric rate case.

¹ Ordering Paragraph E provides: "In its next general rate case, Consumers Energy Company shall provide a detailed benefit/cost analysis regarding the retirement of the D.E. Karn 1 and 2 and J.H. Campbell 1 and 2 units as set forth in this order."

On March 8, 2017, the Michigan Environmental Council, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Sierra Club (MEC/NRDC/SC) submitted a response opposing Consumers' petition for rehearing seeking relief from the requirement for the utility to file a study of the potential retirement of certain coal units in the company's next rate case.

On March 20, 2017, Consumers withdrew its March 3 petition for rehearing.

The Commission finds that Consumers' petition for rehearing should be dismissed.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Consumers Energy Company's March 3, 2017 petition for rehearing is dismissed.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so by the filing of a claim of appeal in the Michigan Court of Appeals within 30 days of the issuance of this order, under MCL 462.26. To comply with the Michigan Rules of Court's requirement to notify the Commission of an appeal, appellants shall send required notices to both the Commission's Executive Secretary and to the Commission's Legal Counsel. Electronic notifications should be sent to the Executive Secretary at mpscedockets@michigan.gov and to the Michigan Department of the Attorney General - Public Service Division at pungpl@michigan.gov. In lieu of electronic submissions, paper copies of such notifications may be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Attorney General - Public Service Division at 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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By its action of March 28, 2017.

Kavita Kale, Executive Secretary